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THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION

1. There were at least five OTK (Otdel Tekhnicheskogo Kontrola) representatives at Mechanical (Clock) Plant No. 2 in Moscow who were referred to as checkers (kontrolery); one was the chief OTK representative for the plant.¹ These men were technical inspectors whose responsibility it was to see that the plant's finished products were mechanically sound and that they functioned according to the required standards.
2. OTK representatives inspected the products of the following three shops in the plant:
 - a. The Mechanical Shop which manufactured various toy parts and some clock parts.
 - b. The Toy Shop which assembled and packaged toys for shipment.
 - c. The (Clock) Assembly Shop which assembled and packaged clocks for shipment.
3. [REDACTED] no details regarding the inspection methods used by the OTK in this plant, he believes inspection was somewhat superficial. Finished toys and clocks were tested to see that they were in good working order and that their parts had been manufactured according to specified dimensions.
4. OTK representatives used a rubber stamp to mark finished products. This stamp had one number or a group of numbers preceded by the letters "OTK". The numbers on each stamp were different and had no significance other than to identify a particular checker. This stamp was applied to the underside of toys, such as small mechanical automobiles, and on the inside of clocks at a place unknown [REDACTED]. When an OTK symbol was stamped on a product, it indicated that the product was technically sound prior to shipment from the plant. Only finished toys and clocks were stamped prior to packaging. Toy and clock parts were inspected after manufacture but were not stamped.

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5. [] could remember no labels or symbols on toys and clocks which indicated they had been produced at Mechanical (Clock) Plant No. 2. In the case of clocks, this was possibly because only the faces, hands, casings, and pendulums were manufactured at this plant, while the mechanisms were manufactured elsewhere and shipped to the plant to be assembled.
6. Some OTK checkers specialized in inspecting toys, some only clocks, while others inspected only toy and clock parts. [] could not estimate the number of articles one checker inspected each day.
7. Although individual OTK checkers exercised no administrative control over plant technicians and foremen, they could refuse to stamp any product which did not meet the specified standards. [] did not know what these standards were.) If there was a disagreement, the matter was referred to the chief OTK representative at the plant who gave the final word with respect to the stamping of any product. The chief OTK representative had no direct control over production and the plant director was able to continue to manufacture and ship items which had not been stamped by the OTK; however, it was probable that no plant director cared to run the risk of doing this because he would then be solely responsible for releasing faulty products. [] believed the items which did not bear the OTK stamp could not be sold.
8. There was no indication that any of the OTK representatives in Mechanical (Clock) Plant No. 2 belonged to the MVD. They wore no apparel, insignia, or badges which distinguished them from other workers. The OTK checkers were shown no particular deference and were regarded as ordinary employees by other plant workers.
9. OTK representatives at Mechanical (Clock) Plant No. 2 appeared to have only an average or slightly above average education and seemed to possess no apparent technical training or experience which distinguished them from average workers in the plant. In general, however, [] believed that the training, experience, and educational level which OTK representatives possessed was commensurate with that which was necessary to enable them to perform their jobs adequately.
10. [] did not know to whom the OTK representatives at Mechanical (Clock) Plant No. 2 were ultimately responsible; nor did he know whether their performance was subject to periodic inspection by someone not connected with this plant.

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